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Sir/Madam:

In response to the above noted Office Action, I will amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A rot [preventer] protector for a lower portion of two intersecting pieces of lumber, namely an upper portion of lumber and a lower portion of lumber, comprising,

a elongated protector for attachment over the upper edge of a lower portion of lumber, the protector in turn comprising,

a base for overlying the upper edge of the portion

and a top end extending primarily outwardly of the base, the top end of